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Dear Peter,

Newman told Lesar there is a 10-day backlog on copies at the Archives and that he has used a photographer who will go there promptly and take pictures of what he wants pictures of. Not knowing the cost or the quality I asked Jim to proceed on the 10-day hope and to ask Newman to ask you if you want a picture taken of the FBI picture.

There is an alternative that while it will reduce quality will be clear enough and can be used to eliminate the liability of the less that clearest picture: use the picture from page 597 of Post Mortem and add in the litle remaining space in brackets [reproduced from the printed copy] of something similar. Or perhaps with a slightly longer comment on the page with the shirt-collar or tie pictures.

I have reproduced pictures from the printed page with at least adequate results, beginning with Whitewash. I helped in the manufacture of my books and learned from that. The same offset camera that prepares the negatives for printing can eliminate the photoengraving dots used in printing pictures. That can then be shot for what is printed and that eliminates the moire if eliminating the initial dots is not done.

Doing this is not costly and it will be adequate if there is no alternative and if done promptly eliminates any last-minute crisis if no 8x10 glassy can be obtained in time,

Meanwhile, Lesar, who is confident he has a print, will search at his home.

For your convenience, not for use instead of the printed page, I enclose a xerox of that page of PM.

Best,

Harold